

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF PAUNI II EXPANSION MINES IN THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA UNDER THE Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam , 1980.

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Officials from the User Agency:

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2. Dr. S.K. Jena, GM(Forest), WCL-HQ, Nagpur
3. Shri G V S Prasad, Sub Area Manager, Pauni Sub Area
4. Shri Mimoh Kothiya, Dy. Manager(Forest), WCL-HQ, Nagpur.
5. Shri Pranav Bhamre, ANO(Environment), Ballarpur Area.

Date of Site Inspection: 08/08/2024.

A. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion: Proposed Reserved Forest (U/s 4 of IFA, 1927)

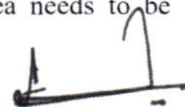
B. Item-wise break-up details of the forest land proposed for diversion:

Sl No	Purpose	Name of Village	Survey No	Compartment No	Legal Status of Land	Total Area (in Ha)
1	Area Under Mining	Village-Sakhari Tehsil-Rajura, District-Chandrapur	440/1P	NA	Land received for raising CA in another diversion proposal and further proposed as Reserved Forest (U/s 4 of IFA, 1927). Notification u/s 20 is awaited.	12.07

- A. Wildlife: Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not:** No rare or endangered species of flora or fauna is found in the area.
- B. Vegetation:** Used for Compensatory Afforestation for earlier diversion.
- i. Details of total number of trees to be felled:** Being used as Compensatory Afforestation area.
- ii. Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area:** NA
- C. Background of the proposal:**
The background of the proposal has been attached as **Annexure 1** in chronological sequence.
- D. Compensatory afforestation:** As per latest VSS Rules 2023, User Agency (which is a PSU) also needs to provide equivalent land for CA. In case of instant proposal, the CA has been proposed over 25 ha Degraded Forest land in Comp. No. 451 & 452 of Ballarshah Range as proposal was registered in Parivesh 1.0. The details have been mentioned in the proposal.
- 1. Whether land for compensatory afforestation is suitable from plantation and management point of view or not:** Yes, compensatory afforestation land is suitable from plantation and management point of view. However, as per latest VSS Rules 2023, User Agency (which is a PSU) needs to provide equivalent non-forest land for CA.
 - 2. Whether land for compensatory afforestation is free from encroachments/other encumbrances:** Yes. Degraded Forest Land has been identified for CA. However, as per latest VSS Rules 2023, User Agency (which is a PSU) needs to provide equivalent land for CA.
 - 3. Whether land for compensatory afforestation is important from Religious/Archaeological point of view:** No
 - 4. Land identified for raising compensatory afforestation is in how many patches, whether patches are compact or not:** 1 Patch & two Compartments in degraded forest area.
 - 5. Map with details:** Map of CA area enclosed in the proposal
 - 6. Total financial outlay:** -
- E. Whether proposal involves violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials:** No
- F. Whether proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced persons. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been prepared by the State Government or not. Details be**

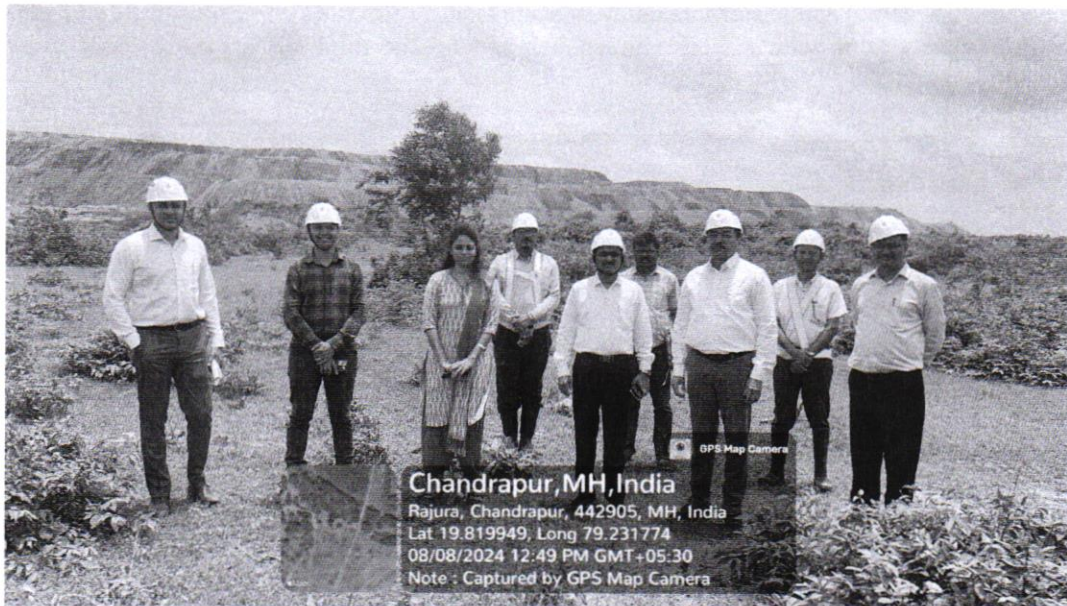
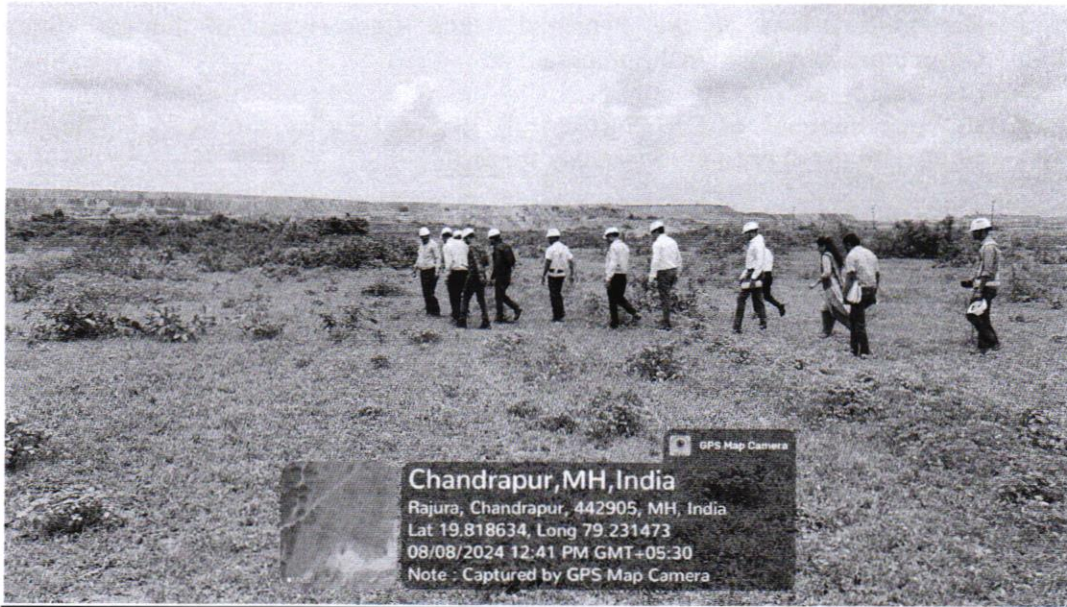
furnished specifically if rehabilitation plan would affect any other forest area by trans-locating outsets in and around the said forest: No

- G. **Reclamation Plan:** As per approved mining plan.
- H. **Details on catchment and command area under the project:** 1152.66 Ha (Project Area) of which 12.07 Ha is Forest land
- I. **Cost benefit ratio:** NA. Area being diverted is less than 20 Ha.
- J. **Recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ State Government:** Enclosed in the proposal.
- K. **Recommendations of DDGF (Central) Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur along with detail reasons:** Separately attached.
- L. **Detailed comments on whether there are any alternatives routes/alignments for locating the project on the non-forest land:** No
- M. **Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious value. Whether any sacred grove or very old grown trees/forests exists in areas proposed for diversion:** No socio-cultural/religious value is hampered due to the proposed diversion.
- N. **Situation w.r.t. any Protected Area:** The proposal does not fall in Protected Area.
- O. **Any other information relating to the project:**
1. Photographs (attached).
 2. The proposed forest land for diversion is a Proposed Reserved Forests (Sec-4 of IFA, 1927) and is surrounded by revenue land.
 3. Safety zone with effective green belt around the mining lease area needs to be erected.



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Photographs



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Recommendation of the Deputy Director General of Forests, RO, MoEF&CC, Nagpur

The proposal is recommended subject to the following:

1. Equal non-forest land is required to be provided by the User Agency for raising CA along with the CA scheme.
2. Safety zone with effective green belt around the mining lease area needs to be erected.


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CHRONOLOGY of APPROVALS IN PAUNI II MINE, BALLARPUR AREA, WCL

ANNEXURE-1

